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LETTER DATED 31 DECEMBER 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you of further cases of Iranian actions that are in violation of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran laid down in Security Council resolution 598 (1987). They are as follows:

1. At 1335 hours on 23 December 1991, two military helicopters were seen flying over coordinates 903986, inside the area of separation in the southern sector (maps of Tahiri and Shaykh Faris).

2. At 1345 hours on 23 December 1991, the same two aircraft were seen over coordinates 900036 and 913145 in the same sector. They then landed at coordinates 914135, four persons alighted from them and, at 1355 hours, they returned to Iranian airspace.

3. At 1550 hours on 24 December 1991, an Iranian military aircraft penetrated Iraqi airspace coming from Iranian airspace in the Muhammarah area. It flew over the Bubiyan border post at coordinates 904893 and then penetrated Iraqi airspace over the Makhfar Zayd area in the southern sector to a depth of 8 to 10 kilometres from the frontier, flying at moderate speed and at an altitude of 5,000 metres.

4. At 1030 hours on 29 December 1991, an Iranian military helicopter was observed coming from the direction of Abadan at an altitude of 400 metres and flying parallel to the east bank of the Shatt al-Arab inside the area of separation in the southern sector (map of Sibah).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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